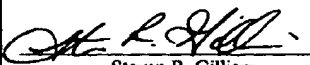


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REMARKS

This amendment is being submitted following the Notice of Allowance mailed on July 5, 2006, and coincident with the payment of the issue fee. Claims 1 and 30 have been amended to include corrections that were discussed during a telephone interview with the Examiner on June 26, 2006. The amendments in the "clean copy" provided by the Examiner are correct. However, the "marked copy" does not properly reflect addition of "embodied" in claim 1 and deletion of "thereby" in claim 30. Therefore, Applicants submit the 312 Amendment to properly reflect the markings absent from the Examiner's "marked copy" of the claims. No new matter has been added.

If any issues remain that could be more efficiently handled by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

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